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# ABSTRACT

In the fall of 1972, the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Library began an internal management survey of its public service reference department (excluding circulation and special collections) with the objectives of streamlining operations and establishing more service points for users. Initial data was called from an earlier user survey. When additional administrative and service data proved necessary, an in-house and an external survey of reference operations was conducted. For the in-house survey, the reference staff formulated a master list of all tasks performed. Individual interviews provided estimates of time spent on tasks on an annual basis. For the external survey, a questionnaire and a copy of the reference task list was completed by the head of public services at each of eight college libraries in Colorado. Survey results indicated that the USAFA Library was very rich in public service resources: its higher costs were largely due to its function as a special, as opposed to a strictly academic library. The survey results have been incorporated into preliminary one-year and five year plans to streamline the public service department of the USAFA Library. (Author/SL)



A REGIONAL SURVEY HELPS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF IDENTIFYING AND COMPARING LIBRARY SERVICES TO USERS

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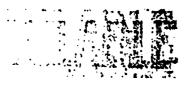
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In the fall of 1972, the Air Force Academy Library began an internal management survey of its operations. Phase I consisted of an analysis of the technical services and administrative units. Phase II, the topic of this paper, was a study of the public services unit.

Only the reference department will be considered here, excluding circulation and special collections. "Reference", however, in this context, includes not only a reference service desk but also a catalog information desk (since discontinued), a government documents department, an interlibrary loan section, reserve book collections and the specialized bibliographical services of subject librarians.

"Library services to users," within the limitations already described, were defined as those functions or tasks performed by library personnel whose primary charge was to work with users. Only the staff of the Academic Library was included in the experimental part of the survey.

We focused chiefly on: 1) the tasks performed by personnel, with frequency and total time computed; 2) number and type of personnel (professional, support and student) in public services units; 3) number of service points in the system; 4) hours; 5) costs and 6) clientele, or users served.

We had thought originally to evaluate our performance on the basis of an earlier user survey, in which a sample of cadets and all faculty were asked to express their opinions on library policies, services and resources. The results of this survey gave us some interesting and useful information, formatted in an unusually dramatic way by the consultant in computer science who wrote our programs. For example, Figures I and II show "excellent" ratings for (I) REFERENCE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE LIBRARY and (II) COMFORT AND ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT, column five. Figures III and IV demonstrate vividly that our users



need education in the use of the <u>SERIALS COMPUTER PRINTOUT</u>, and the fact that phonograph which can circulate. Note the very high incidence of scores in the "DON'T KNOW" category, column two. Figures V and VI show the highest ratings of <u>UNSATISFACTORY</u> received: category three. At the time of the survey, the library photocopy machine was down fully 50% of the time, the result of using cheap paper which Air Force Procurement purchased. This has since been remedied. Dress requirements also received less than enthusiastic support. See Table VI. Cadets are required to wear full dress uniform to the library at all times; we have tried repeatedly to have these regulations changed but with no success to date.

Useful and interesting though these opinions of our users were, they were not sufficient to evaluate our public services. We needed more data of an administrative nature and also a comparison of our service products with those of other libraries, in order to form a conceptual framework in which we could better view our own output. For our earlier survey of technical services, we had adopted and adapted a model developed by investigators who were exploring the feasibility of establishing a book processing center for nine academic libraries in Colorado, so we could compare and contrast some aspects of our technical processing with their findings. Since nothing of a similar nature existed for public services, we decided that after our internal survey, we would do our own study of the public services departments of the same samples of libraries. However, our comparative analysis would be-extremely simple by comparison.

For our in-house survey, we asked eight reference librarians and four library technicians to participate. The first step outlined was to develop individual task lists. From these, a master list was compiled. This master list was intended to include every job done by a member of our reference staff. See Appendix T. This is a working draft and is, of course, idiosyncratic, with highly specialized uses of terms. "INFORMATION SERVICES TO USERS", for example, meant answering questions when not scheduled on the Reference Desk. "INTERVIEWS" were meetings which lasted five minutes or longer but were unscheduled, in contrast to "MEETINGS", which by definition were scheduled ahead of time.

Using the final draft of the task list, public services personnel kept diaries for ten days. In order to supplement this observed sample, the research team also interviewed each staff member to get his estimate of how his time was spent on an annual basis. These records were called occupational audits.

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From this experiment, we developed two basic products: individual job profiles of each staff member, and lists of tasks performed in rank order by time and cost. Figure VII is the profile of a reference librarian, according to her diary. Tasks are arranged in rank order by total time spent, column one, and percent of total time, column two. We also came up with a cost estimate for each task (by taking time, times wage per minute, divided by frequency). See column 4. This represents cost per occurance but it needs careful interpretation, since it is a function of the frequency.

We have these same kinds of individual profiles for the job audits, or estimates, of the staff, in contrast to their diary studies, and also comparison profile, as seen in Figure VIII. This is arranged in numerical task order number (column 4) and unfortunately lacks percentage comparisons. However, some clues to discrepancies do turn up in the last two columns; costs per occurance for both diary and audit data.

The second format was a listing, in rank order by time and cost, of all 124 tasks performed by the department. Figure IX shows the three most time-consuming tasks according to the diary data. I) ANSWERING SIMPLE QUEST! NO ON THE REFERENCE DESK; II) REVIEWING SELECTION MEDIA, and III) PROFESSIONAL EADING.

Next, the twelve highest ranking tasks on both the audit and diary printouts were identified and compared. See Figure X . The five (5) which overlapped were selected. These are shown in Figure XI . These we have identified as the costliest and most time-consuming tasks of our public services staff, arranged in rank order by the diary data: 1) SERVING ON THE REFERENCE DESK; 2) REVIEWING SELECTION MEDIA; 3) PROFESSIONAL READING; 4) INTERVIEWS; 5) REVIEWING NEW BOOKS.

This resume of our internal study hits only its highlights, of course. Several other studies were also conducted concurrently, such as an analysis of types and levels of reference questions. Certainly, there were qualifying conditions to our findings. Results are approximate and suggestive only, not final in any sense of the term. For example, several overlap jobs, such as selecting materials while sitting at the reference desk, were not clearly differentiated. The staff reminded us again, too, that no time is really a good time for diary studies. Technical services departments had objected to the times selected because of staff vacancies, or new personnel in training. The reference staff objected because they felt the period would not be busy enough to be representative of the usual faster



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pace. Circulation objected because they thought the times were too busy. Finally, the entire staff disapproved of what they perceived as the lack of quality judgments inherent in the methodology, since the data did not provide any means of saying who did a good job and who did a poor one. They felt this omission was a serious flaw, although the research team had repeatedly told the staff that evaluation of performance was not an objective in the management study. Attempting to quantify library tasks has never been a popular occupation and continues to be particularly suspect in public services.

Our next step was to proceed to a survey of the libraries in the region. A questionnaire was designed and sent, with a copy of the reference task list, shown in Appendix I, to each Assistant Director for Public Services or his equivalent at the nine Colorado libraries. A cover letter explained the purpose of the survey and asked for an appointment to conduct an interview. Since our first concern was to identify tasks performed by public services personnel through use of our task list, we wanted to assure understanding of our terminology through personal, on the spot, explanations. Also, some of the other material to be covered, such as salary scales, was judged to be sensitive, even though one could reasonably expect such information to be a matter of public record in any public institution. As it turned out, one librarian of the nine surveyed did indeed take issue with the request for this information.

Before the questionnaire and letters were mailed, a pilot project was run at the University of Colorado Libraries, the largest institution in the sample, where the Assistant Director for Public Services and the Chief of Reference agreed to review the project and suggest any needed revisions. Among these revisions were five tasks added to our original list: SHELF-LIST MAINTENANCE; SERVICING A COLLECTION OF AV MATERIALS; BINDERY PREPARATION FOR REFERENCE COLLECTION; BINDERY PREPARATION FOR GENERAL STACKS; CONTINUING EDUCATION AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

The writer visited all nine libraries in the spring of 1973. One did not cooperate in the survey and the investigator was unable to repeat the trip at a later, more convenient date. So the total population, including USAFA (library no.1) consisted of nine, rather than ten, in most instances.

As noted earlier, we were especially interested in identifying a "core" of reference tasks, which all staff performed. Following is a list of those reference functions which all nine, or eight, libraries in the sample consistently observed:

# A. Tasks performed by all nine reference departments:

BIBLIOGRAPHIES - PREPARE

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - REVIEW SELECTION MEDIA

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - REPLACE ORDERS

CONVENTIONS - ATTEND

CORRESPONDENCE - DRAFT

CORRESPONDENCE - TYPE

PERIODICAL INDEXES - USE

FILE MAINTENANCE - ASSIGNING SUBJECT HEADINGS

ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOR USERS WHEN NOT ON THE REFERENCE DESK SIMPLE AND LTARCH

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LEAVE

PERSONAL BUSINESS (ACTIVITIES NOT WORK RELATED)

REFERENCE DESK ASSISTANCE - SIMPLE AND SEARCH

SCHEDULES - PREPARATION

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# B. Tasks performed by eight reference departments:

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

BIBLIOGRAPHIES - SCREEN

FILE MAINTENANCE - PREPARE AND FILE

OBSERVATION OF ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARY (CONSCIOUS SUPERVISION)

OPEN OR CLOSE LIBRARY

PROFESSIONAL READING (FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, NOT SELECTION)

TYPING

WEEDING COLLECTION

INSTRUCTION IN LIBRARY USE PROGRAMS

In contrast, we were also very alert to low frequency tasks. In other words, could we identify functions we were performing uniquely, for whatever reasons? Following is a list of those operations which only one, two, or three libraries conducted in their reference departments.

# A. Tasks performed by one reference department only:

BUDGET MONITORING - SORT SLIPS

CLASSIFIED MATERIALS - SIGN FOR

CLASSIFIED MATERIALS - ASSIST USERS

CLASSIFIED - MATERIALS - INVENTORY

CLASSIFIED MATERIALS - DESTROY

DOCS UN - PROCESS

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DOCS UN - OTHER TASKS (besides routine reference and processing)

REPORT LITERATURE - ANSWER QUESTIONS

REPORT LITERATURE - SELECT

REPORT LITERATURE - BIBLIOGRAPHIC CHECK

REPORT LITERATURE - OTHER - SPECIFY

SPECIAL TECHNICAL ORDER FILES - MAINTENANCE

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# B. Tasks performed by two reference departments:

DOCS - US - INFORMATION DESK MAINTENANCE
DOCS - US - PROCESS DEPOSITORY SHIPMENTS
DOCS - US - PROCESS NON-DEPOSITORY ITEMS
HOSPITAL LIBRARY BACKUP DUTY
MICROFORMS - SERVICE THE COLLECTION
NEW ACQUISITIONS LIST - COMPILE AND REVISE
BINDERY PREPARATION - GENERAL COLLECTION

# C. Tasks performed by three reference departments:

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Complete ranked listings of reference department functions appear in Appendix IV. Please note these "reference department only" functions differ from "public services functions", which were performed in areas other than reference, such as branch libraries. A ranked list of these public services functions, whose distribution varies in interesting ways, is also available, but it is not included here because of space constraints.

These low frequency tasks could be interpreted variously as 1) possibly expendable; 2) better located in a different system, or a different part of an existing system; 3) a function of our special library status, in comparison with the other purely academic institutions. For example, our handling of classified materials and special files, obviously fits the third, "special", category. Another example, processing and servicing a separately classified UN documents collection is not customary in reference departments and this suggests exploring the possibility of relocating this function.

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Concerning public service personnel, we wanted to know about numbers, salaries, and professional/staff mix. We assumed initially that the number of professional staff in our own public services unit - thirteen - would be very high comparatively, and our assumption proved correct. This number was exceeded only by the biggest university in the sample, with twenty, and not equalled by any of the others. However, this figure can be misleading, for another "special" characteristic of the USAFA academic library is its inability to hire student help. One library in the sample had the equivalent of 36 FTE students. Nor are "work study" federal funds available to us. See Figure XTII which is a rough estimate of student bodies, hours and dollars available to the other publicly supported libraries in the sample, but not to us.

Figures XIV and XV show comparative salaries for professional and staff positions at the nine institutions. Salaries at USAFA are consistently higher, due to the salary schedules of federal civil service. Note, for example, in Figure XV the number of staff positions recruited at the \$5,000 or under level in other institutions. Until recently, the lowest grade level in the library was GS-3, with a salary floor of \$6,408. By the same token, the floor for a beginning librarian is GS-9, or \$12,167.

Since our personnel costs are very high overall, averaging 5% of the total operating budget, we find it most helpful to be able to tell our allectors, when they question, that our higher costs can be demonstrated to be our inability, first, to utilize student assistants, or, second, to hire under the salary floors set by civil service.

Our professional/staff mix was also high. See Figure XVI. We have already taken some steps to reduce this and have further benefited by hiring part-time instead of full-time help, impossible to do before this year. This allows us much greater flexibility in staffing odd hours. Looking at Figure XVI, one could speculate that library no. 7 might be somewhat handicapped by its lack of professional personnel. By the same token, one might generalize that USAFA, library no. 1, was somewhat handicapped by its lack of support staff, and that librarians might be doing a good deal of clerical work.

The total number of USAFA's public service staff did not appear to be disproportionate on a staff/student ratio. As can be seen in Figure XVII, our library compared favorably with three of the smaller schools, and even with two of the larger ones.

The survey also showed the number of service points, or desks, within the libraries which were manned day and night. See Figure XVII. USAFA has only two service points nights and weekends, which is proportionately low.

We were the only academic librarians lacking faculty status. However, the writer found this point under hot debate on most campuses. Certainly, this is a major constraint on our personnel compared with other institutions where librarians sit on faculty committees, sometimes teach, frequently take courses, and generally interact with both faculty and students to a much greater degree. The library has suffered, as have the users, from this lack of communication on a day to day operational basis, in the opinion of the writer.

In summary, we concluded that, first, the regional survey affirmed our belief that the USAFA Library is very rich in public service resources - plant, print and professional people. Also, while our costs are high, they are in large part a function of our "special", as opposed to a strictly academic, nature.

Second, it would seem that several tasks might be more effectively performed, and almost certainly better understood, if our "reference" department were divided into more easily recognized units, such as government documents, interlibrary loan, reserve. We might well experiment with a tighter reference unit and more service points, offering greater specialization, and which would be manned more hours.

We note, too, that few public services librarians in libraries of comparable size are charged with acquisitions responsibilities for the entire collection. This has been a characteristic of university libraries; however, it seems to be a trend now in colleges too, although not in this sample. This acquisition function can be considered a part of our "special library" nature and also the greater number of librarians assigned to the public services division. Our librarians are expected to be responsible not only for acquisitions, but also for monitoring expenditures and performing other functions often considered the responsibility of a chief acquisition librarian. We are actually suffering a kind of internal culture lag, because our ordering system was never modified to fit a subject specialist operation, which was launched three years ago. Contrasts such as these, pointed up by the regional survey - in this case, the fact that our reference personnel were engaged in unusual ordering functions - effectively demonstrated the need for further study and modifications in other areas of the library.

The Assistant Director for Public Services typically handles suggestion box material, rather than a reference librarian, a sensible arrangement since he has the power to institute change as well as to respond to questions.

Some interesting ideas we encountered included having reference librarians do the revising of catalog cards filed in the public catalog; having a catalog assistance desk manned by cataloging and circulation personnel; establishing a closed periodicals collection of current issues which users must sign for, but which are much more accessible; instituting more aggressive outreach programs of educating for use of the library, such as term paper clinics, CAI programs, programmed learning devices with visuals, etc.; installing coin-operated electric typewriters; using TV and showing films in the library; acquiring a teletype for faster ILL service. No library in the sample had any kind of computerized information retrieval system. Three had computerized circulation systems, however.

As a result of this study, we have both one-year and five-year preliminary plans on the drawing board. They are still under consideration, and by no means complete or ready to publish. We know we will be required to lower personnel costs. We expect to do this by altering the professional/staff mix, through attrition. Reorganization of public services seems indicated, and in some instances, a reassessment of work load throughout the library. Findings from the internal survey suggest, particularly, that our staff does much more professional reading on the job than do others. Cutting back on a function such as this, and on time spent on unscheduled meetings, another high cost item, would be regretable, but seem preferable to reducing services.

Because of space limitations, this paper omits many details gleaned from the survey which we expect to be very useful, such as information on budgets, advanced degree requirements for librarians, types of schedules, patterns of staffing. We found it a very worthwhile investment of time.



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## NOTES

- 1. The total USAFA library system also includes a Community Center Library for the use of base personnel, and a Medical Library, which serves both doctors and patients at the base hospital.
- 2. Major Joseph Monroe of the Department of Astronautics and Computer Science was extremely helpful throughout.
- 3. Leonard, Lawrence E., Joan M. Maier, and Richard M. Dougherty. Centralized Book Processing, a Feasibility Study Based on Colorado Academic Libraries. Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow, 1969.
- 4. See Appendix II for copy of questionnaire.
- 5. We now often must hire at a GS-2 level, \$5,682, for an initial two-three month period.
- 6. It is possible to hire an inexperienced librarian at the GS-7 level, but only for one year, and it is not common practice.



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FIGURE X

# COMPARISON OF 12 MOST TIME-CONSUMING REFERENCE TASKS, DIARY AND AUDIT

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\*Overlap Tasks

The table shows tasks in rank order, with overlap items starred, Figures are unadjusted; diary data semple; audit data, for 20 days.

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FIGURE XI

HIGHEST RANKING FUNCTIONS OF THE USAFA LIBRARY REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

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This table identified the 5 highest ranking functions of the Reference Department, in rank Audit data has been adjusted to a 10 day sample, from 20, to be com-Audit rank order appears in column four. order by diary data. patible with diary.

Professional reading is for personal professional development, in contrast to reviewing media for selection purposes.

# STUDENT HELP AND FEDERAL FUNDING

- All libraries contacted in this survey, with the exception of USAFA, have access to federal "work-study" funds which are not charged against the institution.
- The Academy Library cannot utilize student help, free or otherwise. It must instead hire federal Civil Service employees, on a much higher pay scale. Note column 3 for number of FTE students working in other libraries. but not charged against their budget.
- Note column 5 which roughly estimates tab picked up by work study funds. This figure is purely a guesstimate since in some instances, libraries do pay for sume portion of the student help. (Work-study students are not always the best workers; some managers prefer to retain an option, even though they must pay for it, to hire known quality workers.) Practice varies widely; more information is available in each instance

# Student Help

# Available in All Libraries Except USAFA

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At 40 hours per week, \$2.00 per hour, 52 weeks = 4,000 per person

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# FIGURE XIII

Estimated Saleries for Public Services Personnel, 1972/73, from Interviews Conducted

# Spring/Summer 1973

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Master's degree is minimum requirement for Professional slot.

Includes all professional staff except Serials Librarian: Director, Chief of Reference and Circulation. Librarian works full 35 hours a week on Reference Service Desk; others fill in additional hours library open, approximately 50. Note work week is 35 hours.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Medical and Community Libraries,

PIGURE XIV

Estimated salaries for Public Services Personnel, 1972/73, from Interviews Conducted

# Spring/Summer 1973

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Note that Federal Civil Service sets salary floor for GS-3 at \$6,128; floor for GS-2 is \$5,432. LIBRARY cannot compete in first salary range, 0-\$4,999.



Salary scales at SCSC and UNC still not available; both, however

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FIGURE XV

Ratio of professional/nonprofessional mix in

library Public Services units

1972/73

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P.ST CON PRINCIPLE TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF IN PUBLIC SERVICES UNITS - Professional, Clerical and FTE students, also RATIO OF STAFF TO STIDENTS

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Staff/Student Ratio	1/154	1/205	1/240	1/156	1/441	1/100	1/482	1/300	1/500	1/154

RANK ORDER, STAFF STUDENT RATIO

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Desks manned at night are frequently manned by students or staff personnel, not librarians.

1 Librarians from all departments share night duty but work at their own desks, not in Reference.

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            UNITE DEDS
     REFERENCE TACK LIST NOV. 1079
      AREL SLIPS - CORTING
11
      ACADEMIC APTIVITIES-SPECIFY
92
      RACKUP (SEE ALSO MOSPITAL LIBRARY REPLACEMENT)
23
      RIBLENGRAPHIES-PREPARATION
94
      RIBLINGRAPHIFS-PRODEREADING
R5
      BIBLINGRAPHIFS-SCREENING
96
      ATBLINGRAPHIES-DTHER-SPECIFY
27
      RUDGET HOWITTRING-SORTING SLYPS FROM ACQUISITIONS
29
      RUDGET MONTTORING-WAKING ESTYMATES
213
      CTRCULATION RESK ASSISTANCE
311
      CLASSIFIED MATERIALS-SIGNING FOR. FTC.
312
      CLASSIFIED WATERIALS-ASSISTING USERS
913
      CLASSIPIED MATERIAL-INVENTORY
214
      CLASSIPLED MAT (TALS-DESTRUCTION
215
      CHLLECTION OF VELOPMENT-DETERMINING OR WRITING POLICIES
216
      COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT-REVIEW OF DE DEDERS (FF CULTY GROERS)
217
      COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT-REVIEW OF SPLECTION MEDIA
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      COLLECTION OF VELOPMENT-REVIEW OF GYFT ITEMS
R19
      COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT-REPLACEMENT COPIES ORDERED
920
      COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT-OTHER-SPECIFY
121
      COLLEGE CATALOS PROCESSING
422 ·
      CONVENTIONS, ATTENDING
R23
      CHRESPONDENCE-DRAFTING
924
      CORRESPONDENCE-TYPING
₹25
25.1 CORRESPONDENCE-TAKING ACTION AND REFERRING
      CURRENT ISRUPS ROOM MAINTENANCE
926
      PURCHASE PROJESTS SEE CALLECTION DEVELOPMENT
      DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARIES-PLAN FOR COLLECTION
927
      DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARIES-MAINTENANCE OF COLLECTION
R28
      DESK SCHEDULES SEE SCHEDULES
      DOCUMENTS, U.N. - REVIEW FOR RETENTION
R29
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      DOCUMENTS, U.N. - SHELVE
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      DOCUMENTS. II. N.-OTHER-SPECIEV
832
      DOUCHMENTS, II. S.-INFORMATTON SPANTCES ON 6TH FLOOR ONLY
233
      DOCUMENTS, U. G.-PROPESS DEPOSITORY SHIPMENTS
934
      DOCUMENTS, U. S.-PROCESS NON-DEPOSITIRY ITEMS
235
      DOCUMENTS, U. S. - SELECT FROM MONTHLY CAT. ETC.
236
      DOCUMENTS, U. S. - SCRPEN ALL DOCUMENTS
237
      prouvents, u. k.-shelf-list
338
      DACUMENTS, U. A.-OTHER-SPECIFY
239
240
      INDEXES - UPDATING
241
      FXHIBITS
      PIFTH PLUDE USE (PENDINGE INVENES AND STEES)
842
      FILE MAINTENANCE-ASSTON SUPUFET HEADINGS
R43
      PTLE MAINTENANCE-PREPARE AND FILE
944
      PILE MAINTENAMPE-OTHER-SPECIFY
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      INFORMATION EPOVICES FOR DEEDG-SPARCH QUESTIONS
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     THTERLIBRARY LYAN: REDUESTS FOR LONG-DPEN REQUESTS. GET CALE NOS.
<u> 3</u>51
     THEREIBRARY EMAN: REQUESTS FOR EDINS-PULL MATERIALS
     THERETBRARY LANG REQUESTS FOR LOANS-PREPARE FOR MATLING.
252
953
     INTERLIBRARY LAAVE REQUESTS FOR FOLNE- ALL RELATED FILING OF FORMS
754
     . THERETBRARY LANT REQUESTS FOR TOANS-OTHER-SPECIFY
₹55
      THERETHERARY EMAN: REQUESTE TO MARODW-TAKE REQUEST
256
     INTERLIBRARY LANG REQUESTS TO RARPOW-VERIFY
257
      INTERLIBRARY LANG REQUESTS TO BARROW-TYPE FORMS
258
      INTERLIBRARY LOAMS REQUESTS TO RORROW-FILE FORMS
259
      INTERLIBRARY LEAN: REQUESTS TO RORROW-OTHER-SPECIFY
R60
      THTERVIEWS ("INSCHEDULED MEFTINGS)
185
      TUSTAUETTAN OF LIRGARY PERSONNEL SEE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
962
      TUVEUTTRY-AUVUAL
      TAVEATORY-OTHER-SPECIFY
263
      JIB DESCRIPTIOUS SEE PERSONNEL ANHINISTRATION
      KP (STAFF ROOM)
264
      LARGE REFERENCE FILES SEE FILE MAINTENANCE
965
      FEVAL-VONIA
      LEAVE-ANNUAL
955
      LEAVE-SICK
R57
      LETTERS SEE CORRESPONDENCE. THEOPHATTON SERVICES
      WAIL DISTRIBUTION
R68
      MAP COLLECTION
R69
      VERTINGS (ROHFOULED MEETINGS)
970
R71 .
      WICRSFORMS -
      MINDLTA SEE PHOTUCOPIES
R72
      MUSIC COLLECTION -
      MUSIC EQUIPMENT -
R73
      NEM BUDKS - BENIEWING - .
R74
      WEN BOOK LIST-EDAPILING AND DEVISING -0
R75
      MAITUARIES-SEE INFORMATION SERVICES
      DESERVATION OF ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARY -
976
      OPEN OR CLOSE LIBRARY .
277
      PERSONAL RUSTNESS-ACTIVITIES NOT WORK-RELATED -
978
      DERSHARL ADVIVISTRATION-INSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY STAFF-
279
      DERSTAUEL ADVIVSTRATION-PERSTAL INTERVIEWS
280 :
      PERSONNEL ADVINISTRATION-WRITTEN FORM PREPARATION -
281
      PERSONNEL ADVIVISTRATION-OTHER-COECIFY
882
      PARTICOPIES-SERSONAL OPERATION FOR LIRRARY PURPOSES .
283
      PHOTOCOPIED-DEQUESTS FOR CHANGE
R84
      PLANUING FOR FUTURE-SPECIFY
R85
      PROFESSIONAL READING (FIRST DRUECTIVE IS FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT)
986
      QUESTIONS ASKED SEE INFORMATION CERVICES TO USERS
287
      READ SHELVES
      REFERENCE ROTKS. NEW, REVIEWING.
888
289
     PREFERENCE REPOYCE DERK-STMPLF QUESTIONS
     : REPLACEMENTS SEE COLLECTION OF VELOPMENT
290
      REFERENCE REPUTCE DERK-SEARCH RUFSTION
R91
      REPORT LITERATURE-RUFSTIONS ANSWERED
      REPORT LITERATURE-SELECTING
292
293
      REPORT LITERATURE-RIPLIDGRAPHICAL CHECKING
      PEPORT LITERATURE STHERTSPECTEY
294
995
      RESERVE-PRACESS LISTS.
295
      RESERVE-PULL BOOKS
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297
      RESERVE-PRACES SOOKS
498
      BESEBAR-BEMUNE BOOKS
299
      PPSERVE-PHRTTCHPT
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      RESERVE-PROCESS PRIBLEM SETS
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RESERVE OTHER - SPECIFY
2101
      SCHEDULES -.
2102
      REARCH MICRIUG ITEMS SEE INFORMATION SERVICES
      CPLECTION REF COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT
      SERVICE PUBLICATIONS. MAINTEHANCE
9103
      SHELVING ROOKS
Q100
      SHALL REFERENCE FILES SEE FILE MAINTENANCE
9105
      STATISTICS POEDARATION-MONTHLY REPART
      STATISTICS PREBARATION-OTHER-SPECIFY
R106
      SUBGRSTION ROX MAINTENANCE-REVIEW DUESTIONS
9107
9108
      SUGGESTION BOX MAINTENANCE-TYPE DESPONSES
      TECHNICAL REPORTS SEE REPORT LITERATURE
9109
3110
      TIME AND STTENDANCE CARDS
R111
      TIME SPENT KPEDING THIS DIARY .
R112
      TO'S AND NIRT'S-MAINTAIN RECTORS
9113
      TT'S AND NIRPIS-PRICESS
R114
      TO'S AND NIRT'S-SHELVE
P115
      TO'S AND WIRT'S-DIHER-SPECIFY
2116
      TOURS-FOR ACADEMICS
      TOURS-OTHER-SPECIFY
R117
R118
      TYPING
      WANT LISTS
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9120
      WEEDING COLLECTION .
R121
      DINER GENERAL ACTIVITIES-HORK RELATED
R122
     INSTRUCTION IN LIBRARY USE PROGRAMS -
R123 CONTINUING EDUCATION OR STAFF DEVELOPMENT.
R124 SHELF LIST MAINTENANCE (FILING, NOTATION, ETC.)
R125
     MAINTENANCE OF
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R122 INSTRUCTION IN LIBRARY USE PROGRAMS R123 CONTINUING EDUCATION OR STAFF DEVELOPMENT.
R124 SHELF LIST MAINTENANCE (FILING, NOTATION, ETC.)
R125 MAINTENANCE OF CATALOGS OTHER THAN S.L.
R126 AV MATERIALS, SERVICING A COLLECTION R127 PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK
R128 BINDERY PREPARATION, REFERENCE COLLECTION ONLY
R129 BINDERY PREPARATION, GENERAL STACKS
R130 FEATURE SHELVES

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## APPENDIX II

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## INFORMATION REQUESTED

Please note that this form is intended only as a guide to the type of question which will be ask. The interviewer will record the actual data.

- 1. Organization of Public Services
  - a.. Units and reporting patterns
  - 5. b. . Stall, titles and grades .
- 2. Any special requirements for Public Services personnel: e.g., double Master's or Ph. D. for professionals; B. A. for support personnel; OJT, or continuing education, or personnel development courses.
- 3. Estimated salaries for Public Services personnel:

	Number of Peri	onnel in Public	Services, FTE's	
Salary Range	11 - 12	manths	9 - 1	0 months
	Professional	Clerical	Professional	Clerical -
20,000+				
15,000-19,999				1
- 11,000-14,999				
5.000-10.999				
<b>9 4,999</b>				

- 4. Estimated hours of student help per week
  - .a. Hourly wages, high and low
  - .5 h. Estimated number of hours per week
    - 1. Academic year -
    - .. 2. Summer ...
- 5. Number of hours in standard work week (35, 38, 40, etc.)
  - a. . Professional
  - b. Clerical

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1. (Ref.)					<u> </u>	
2: (Govt. docs.)						W. S
3. (etc.)				·	200	
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- 7. Library service hours
- 8. Population served: students, faculty, others
- 9. Types of statistical data kept on users
- 10. Personnel evaluation
  - a. Frequency
  - h. Evaluator(s)
    - 1. Supervisors
    - 2. Peers
    - 3. Self
    - 4. Clientele
- 11. Compare and contrast functions performed on enclosed "Reference Task".

  List"; delete those not included and add other services of reference (and branch)

  personnel not listed.

Task No.

Performed

Performed

Performed

No

Performed

Performed

Performed

Yes

No

etc.

# 2. Budget

- a. Institutional, overall
- b. Total library
  - 1. Books
  - 2. Personnel
- 3. Equipment and supplies.

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# LIPPARTES IN THE SAMPLE

Adams State College, Alamosa

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins

Colorado University, Boulder

Ft. Lewis College, Durango

Metro State College, Denver

Colorado School of Mines, Golden

Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo

University of Northern Colorado, Creeley

Western State College, Gunnison

U. S. Air Force Academy Turning

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# APPENDIX IV

# RANKED ORDER LISTINGS OF REFERENCE FUNCTIONS

9	14	BIBLIOGRAPHIES - PREPARE	
	18	COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - REVIEW SELECTION ME	
	20	COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - REPLACE ORDERS	
	23	CONVENTIONS - ATTEND	£ \$1.0°
	24	CORRESPONDENCE - DRAFT	
	· 25	CORRESPONDENCE - TYPE	
		FIFTH FLOOR USE (PERS AND INDEXES)	
	43	FILE MAINTENANCE - ASSIGN SUBJECT HEADS	
	49 & 50	ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOR USERS WHEN NOT ON THE I	VFORMATION
		DESK - SIMPLE AND SEARCH	and the same
	61	INTERVIEWS	
	_	LEAVE. ADMIN	
		LEAVE, ANNUAL	2.77
		PERSONAL BUSINESS, ACTIVITIES NOT WORK-RELATED	
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	•	FILE MAINTENANCE - PREPARE AND FILE	*
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		PATROLING PREMISES	=
	77	OPEN OR CLOSE LIBRARY	د ۾ آهي.
	80	PERSONNEL ADMIN - PERSONAL INTERVIEWS	
	86	PROF READING (FIRST OBJ: PERSONAL DEVELOP)	
•		SCHEDULES .	**
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		INSTRUCTION IN LIBRARY USE PROGRAMS	
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		EXHIBITS	
	~	FILE MAINTENANCE - OTHER - SPECIFY	
		ILL - REQUESTS FOR LOANS - OPEN, GET CALL NO	·. ·
	54		
	55	ILL - REQUESTS FOR LOANS - OTHER, SPECIFY	. 7 .
		ILL - REQUESTS TO BORROW - VERIFY	•
		MEETINGS (SCHEDULED MEETINGS)	•
	81	PERSONNEL ADMIN - WRITTEN FORM PREPARATION	
		PLAN FOR FUTURE - FORMAL	•
		REF BOOKS, NEW - REVIEW - SA NEW BOOKS - REVIEW	•
	_	STATISTICS PREP - OTHER - SPECIFY	_
		WANT LISTS - YEF FILES	•
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BIBLIOGRAPHIES - OTHER - SPECIFY
     COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - REVIEW GIFTS
19
     COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - OTHER - SPECIFY
21
     COLLEGE CATALOGS - PROCESS
22
     INDEXES - UPDATE
40
     ILL - REQUESTS FOR LOANS - PULL MATERIALS
     ILL - REQUESTS FOR LOANS - PREPARE AND MAIL
53
     ILL - REQUESTS TO BORROW - TAKE REQUEST
56
     ILL - REQUESTS TO BORROW - TYPE FORMS
58
     ILL - REQUESTS TO BORROW - FILE FORMS
59
     MAP COLLECTION
69
     NEW BOOKS - REVIEW
     CONTINUING EDUCATION, STAFF DEVELOPMENT
123
     BACKUP
     CIRCULATION DESK ASSISTANCE
11
     COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - DETERMINE POLICIES
16
    DOCS UN - REVIEW FOR RETENTION
 29
     INVENTORY, OTHER - SPECIFY
 63
     READ SHELVES
 87
     SERVICE PUBS - MAINTENANCE
103
104
     SHELVE
     BUDGET MONITORING - MAKE ESTIMATES
     CURRENT ISSUES ROOM MAINTENANCE
 26
     INFO AND CAT ASSIST DESK - SIMPLE Q
     INFO AND CAT ASSIST DESK - SEARCH Q
 48
     MAIL DISTRIBUTION
 68
     PHOTOCOPIER - OPERATION FOR LIB PURPOSES
    RESERVE - PULL BOOKS
 96
    STATISTICS PREP - MONTHLY
105
     SHELF LIST MAINTENANCE (FILING, ETC.)
12h
     MAINTENANCE OF CARD CATS OTHER THAN S.L.
125
     FUBLIC RELATIONS WORK
127
     BINDERY PREP, REF COLL CYLY
128
     ABEL SLIPS - SORT
 17 COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT - REVIEW OF FACULTY ORDERS
    DEPARTMENTAL LIBS - PLAN FOR COLLECTION
 27
     DEPARTMENTAL LIBS - MAINTAIN COLLECTION
 28
 36 DOCS US - SELECT FROM MONTHLY CAT, ETC.
 37 DOCS US - SCREEN DOCS
      INVENTORY, ANNUAL
 62
    KP (STAFF ROOM)
 64
 72 MUSIC COLLECTION - SERVICE
    MUSIC EQUIPMENT
 73
 84 PHOTOCOPIER - PROVIDE CHANGE
     RESERVE - PROCESS LISTS
      RESERVE - PROCESS BOOKS
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98 RESERVE - REMOVE BOOKS 99 RESERVE - PHOTOCOPY

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	1.00	RESERVE - PROCESS PROBLEM SETS
	101	RESERVE - OTHER - SPECIFY
	107	SUCCESTION BOX - REVIEW COMMENTS
	108	SUGGESTION BOX - DRAFT OR TYPE REPLIES
	110	TIME AND ATTENDANCE CARDS
•	126	AV MATERIALS, SERVICE A COLLECTION
	130	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
2	9	BUDGET MONITORING - SORT SLIPS
•		DOCS US - INFO SVS 6TH FLOOR ONLY
		DOCS US - PROCESS DEPOS SHIPMENTS
. *.		DOCS US - PROCESS NON-DEPOS ITEMS
		HOSPITAL LIB DUTY
•		MICROFORMS - SERVICE COLLECTION
	75	NEW BOOK LIST - COMPILE AND REVISE
	129	BINDERY PREP, GENERAL COLLECTION
1	12	CLASSIFIED MATERIALS - SIGN FOR
		CLASSIFIED MATERIALS - ASSIST USERS
•••	14	CLASSIFIED MATERIALS - INVENTORY